MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In answer to part (*b*) may I know whether the Government are aware that the collection of water-tax is causing hardship to the people?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, but they can get refund or remission by applying for it in proper time.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how many applications were submitted for remission and how many granted last year?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

The College for Women.

10 *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students in each class in His Highness the Maha Raja's College for Women;

(*b*) the number of students in the History Section in the Junior Intermediate, Senior Intermediate, Junior B. A. and Senior B. A. classes; and

(*c*) the number of students in the Botany section in each class?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

	Junior Intermediate Class.	Senior Intermediate Class.	Junior B. A. Class.	Senior B. A. Class.
(*a*)	99	74	6	15
(*b*)	26	19	6	15
(*c*)	47	30	...	...

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): In answer to part (*b*) may I know the number of applications received for admission?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The number varies from year to year. There were 7 applicants this year and 6 of them were admitted.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether any selection was made from among these applications?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I have just said that there were 7 applicants and 6 of them were given admission.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether there was sufficient room in the Arts College to admit these students?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether they have any objection in closing the History section of the Women's College?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is a suggestion for future action.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why when there were 7 applicants only 6 of them were admitted?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): One was not eligible under the rules for admission, because, she had made more than three attempts for passing the Intermediate examination.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether all the 7 applicants were entitled to get admission under the Rules prescribed by the University?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then may I know, under what rule admission was refused to the particular candidate?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Under Rules issued by the Travancore Government for admission to the Government Colleges.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why the Travancore Government have issued fresh rules restricting admissions even when there is plenty of accommodation?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I submit that these questions do not arise at all out of this particular question.

PRESIDENT: Since the honourable member has begun to answer such questions I cannot rule them out. But if the honourable member has materials on the point, he can answer this question.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The general principle of these restrictions is that only students who possess average fitness for University studies should be admitted. A student who has made more than 3 attempts to pass the Intermediate examination is not considered fit for higher University studies.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand then that the Travancore Government is in a position to say that the University has not been able to frame rules for regulating admissions in relation to the fitness of canditates.

PRESIDENT: I disallow that question.

MR. K. KUNJURKISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Government have deviated from the principle of fitness in the case of admissions of candidates that are backward in education?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): To some extent exemptions have been given to members of backward communities and women.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether any such action was taken with regard to the admission of women in the Junior B. A. Class?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know why?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Because it was considered that it was going too far to make an exemption in that case.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether anybody who has taken more than three years for passing the Intermediate examination has been admitted either in the Science College or Arts College or Women's College?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir, I think there were one or two cases.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is it the position of Government that in spite of accommodation these rules will be strictly enforced?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The rules will be enforced but exemptions may be given in the most deserving cases.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the reason for giving exemptions to the few cases referred to?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Because they belonged to backward and depressed classes mainly.

NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: I have received notice of three motions for adjournment of the business of the Assembly. I shall read them one by one. The text of the first motion is this:

> "the serious situation that has arisen to the political rights of several citizens in the State in not respecting the Government Order in toto to conduct Pokuvaravu of all partition deeds and sale deeds from 1101 M. E. up to the end of 1110 M. E. by the Taluk Tahsildars, thereby denying the right of voting to thousands of persons in the State, who pay land tax of Rupee one and above, in the coming elections to the Travancore Legislative Bodies."

I disallow this motion as it does not come in any manner within the scope of the rules governing the subject.

The next motion reads thus:

> ".....the recent apprehension among the masses of people and in commercial centres that the Rupee coin bearing the effigy of Queen Victoria is not legal currency and the consequent dislocation of commercial business and hardship to the public".

That is not a matter of recent occurrence and so that is disallowed.

The third motion reads thus:

> ".....the desirability of either fixing the date or dates of the coming elections to the Travancore Legislative Bodies, either before the 10th of Medom 1112 M. E., or postponing it to a convenient date, so that the elections be conducted in the summer season, instead of in the winter season."

This motion is allowed and discussion will take place at the appointed time on Wednesday.

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